

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was established by people with hard work, perseverance and dedication and duty to provide for their families and their fellow man; and,

Whereas, Stan Stenson has devoted the majority of his life to the citizens of the state of South Dakota as an employee of the Department of Transportation; and,

Whereas, On October 28, 1959, Stan started working for the state of South Dakota at Custer State Park, and continued to work there for 14 years; and,

Whereas, On January 1, 1973, Stan transferred to the Department of Transportation working with roadside parks, later moving to operations, purchasing, and disbursing oil for road construction projects; and,

Whereas, In the fall of 1984, Stan began driving the east/west delivery route (later named the Bumblebee by his daughter) for the Department of Transportation, logging in over one million miles transporting Department of Transportation and other state agency assets; and,

Whereas, Stan has over 16,000 plus driving hours under his belt, and it became obvious that snakes, ladders, and arteries could not slow him down; and,

Whereas, Stan's loyalty, dedication, friendship, and never ending stories and jokes will not be forgotten by the Department of Transportation, and the many others that have worked with him over the years; and,

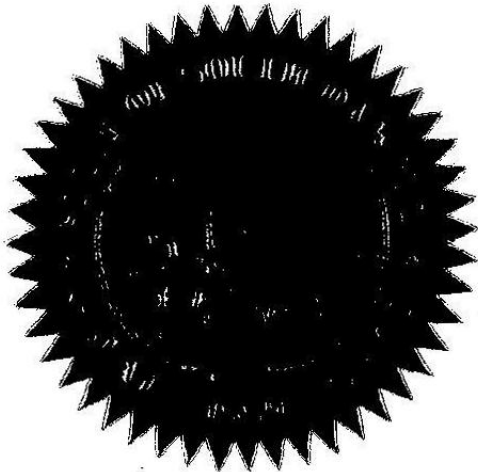
Whereas, On December 23, 2003, after more than 44 years of service to the state of South Dakota, Stan will retire; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments and years of service of this special South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 23, 2003, as

STAN STENSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing him good health and happiness in his well deserved retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State